

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A force application element , comprising:  
a tensioning anchor;  
a strip-shaped material, the tensioning anchor configured to anchor the strip-shaped material to a supporting structure; and  
an extension element, wherein the strip-shaped material is pretensioned by the tensioning anchor, and following the tensioning process, the extension element is located in a transition region between the tensioning anchor and the strip-shaped material and the extension element is effectively attached to the strip-shaped material and the tensioning anchor.
2. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the extension element is attached mechanically and/or by an adhesive to the strip-shaped material.
3. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the extension element is at least one of a transverse cross-member and a projection of the tensioning anchor.
4. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the extension element is attached by at least one of mechanically and an adhesive to the tensioning anchor or to a transverse cross-member of the tensioning anchor.
5. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the extension element has at least one of a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped or wedge-shaped form and tapers down toward the strip-shaped material in a direction of the center of the strip-shaped material.

6. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the extension element is composed of a ductile material.

7. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein a side of the extension element opposite the strip-shaped material has an enlarged and structured surface.

8. (Previously Presented) An extension element for a tensioning anchor which serves to anchor a strip-shaped material to a supporting structure, wherein the strip-shaped material is pretensioned by a tensioning anchor, the extension element being movable into effective attachment with the strip-shaped material and the tensioning anchor, and the extension element prevents additional stress peaks in the event of stresses to the strip-shaped material or above the pretension load.

9. (Previously Presented) The extension element according to claim 8, wherein the extension element is at least one of a transverse cross-member and a projection of the tensioning anchor.

10. (Previously Presented) The extension element according to claim 8, wherein the extension element tapers down toward the strip-shaped material in a direction of the center of the strip-shaped material.

11. (Previously Presented) The extension element according to claim 8, wherein the extension element is composed of a ductile material.

12. (Previously Presented) The extension element according to claim 8, wherein a side of the extension element opposite the strip-shaped material has an enlarged and structured surface, and is of a wedge-shaped, zigzag-shaped, or wave-shaped design.

13. (Previously Presented) A method to increase a tensile load of a strip-shaped material, the method comprising:

pretensioning wherein the strip-shaped material using a tensioning anchor; and

following the tensioning process, attaching an extension element to the strip-shaped material and the tensioning anchor in a transition region between the tensioning anchor and the strip-shaped material, said extension element serving to prevent additional stress peaks in the event of stresses to the material above the pretension load.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~Claim 13,~~claim 13, wherein attaching the extension element to the strip-shaped material is attached by at least one of mechanically and an adhesive.

15. (Currently Amended) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the force application ~~is use~~is used to reinforce a supporting structure.

16. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 1, wherein the strip-shaped material is a composite material.

17. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 5, wherein the extension element is one of a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped, or wedge-shaped form.

18. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 6, wherein the extension element is one of aluminum, steel, or titanium.

19. (Previously Presented) The force application element according to claim 7, wherein the extension element is one of a wedge-shaped, zigzag-shaped, or wave-shaped.

20. (Previously Presented) The extension element according to claim 8, wherein the strip-shaped material is a composite material.

21. (Previously Presented) The extension element according to claim 10, wherein the extension element has one of a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped, or wedge-shaped form.

22. (Previously Presented) The extension element according to claim 11, wherein the extension element is one of aluminum, steel, or titanium.

23. (Currently Amended) The extension element according to ~~Claim 12,~~claim 12, wherein the extension element is one of a wedge-shaped, zigzag-shaped, or wave-shaped.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~Claim 13~~, claim 13, wherein the striped-shaped material is a composite material.

25. (Currently Amended) The force application element according to ~~Claim 15~~, claim 15, wherein the force application is use to reinforce a concrete structure.

26. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the extension element is at least one of a transverse cross-member and a projection of the tensioning anchor.

27. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the extension element is attached by at least one of mechanically and an adhesive to the tensioning anchor or to a transverse cross-member of the tensioning anchor.

28. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the extension element has at least one of a hyperbolic, tongue-shaped or wedge-shaped form and tapers down toward the strip-shaped material in a direction of the center of the strip-shaped material.

29. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the extension element is composed of a ductile material.

30. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein a side of the extension element opposite the strip-shaped material has an enlarged and structured surface.